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REMARKS

Claims 1-36 have been cancelled without prejudice.

New claims 37-63 have been added.

Applicant believes that none of the amendments above add new matter to the specification.

PATENTABILITY ARGUMENTS

A. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 Second Paragraph

The Examiner has rejected Applicant's claims 1-36 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has deleted claims 1-36 consequently the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are moot. Applicant respectfully requests that in view of these new claims the Examiner remove these rejections.

B. Rejections under 35 U.S.C §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-26 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Koster et al. (6,133,436) "436" in view of Mirzabekov et al. (5,981,734) "734" and Conrad et al. (5,276,013) "013" and Rampal (6,013,789) "789". Applicant has deleted claims 1-26 consequently the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over patent 436 in view of patents 734, 013 and 789 are moot. Applicant respectfully requests that in view of these new claims the Examiner remove these rejections.

The Examiner further rejects claims 27-36 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references applied to claims 1-26 and further in view of Laguzza et al. (4,801,688) "688" and Howard Jr. et al. (5,262,317) "317" and Olsen et al. (6,114,509) "509". Applicant has deleted claims 27-36 consequently the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over patent 436 in view of patents 734, 013 789, 688, 317 and 509 are moot. Applicant respectfully requests that in view of these new claims the Examiner remove these rejections.

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CONCLUSION

In view of new claims submitted by Applicant the invention now satisfies the statutory requirements for patentability. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue an allowance of the claims.

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